

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of June 9 - June 13, 2008**

- 1. Crossroads Farmers Market Begins 2nd Year (Ward 6):** The Crossroads Farmers Market held their grand opening on Wednesday, June 11 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. at their new location across from the Post Office on Holton Lane. The market accepts Food Stamps, WIC & Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program coupons and provides a variety of fresh locally grown or produced international foods for a diverse, growing community. For more information, call 301-445-4368 or e-mail crossroadsmarket@gmail.com. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 2. Takoma/Langley Crossroads Urban Design Workshop Re-cap (Ward 6):** On Thursday, June 12, the first of two urban design workshops related to future development around the University/New Hampshire Avenue and University/Riggs Road transit stations was held. Three very diverse concepts were presented. They included an underpass at the crossroads intersection, a division of both New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard into two sets of one way streets which will spread out the retail focus throughout the area, and a set of "green fingers" boulevards that connect across commercial and multifamily developments to unite the many pockets of forest, meadows, and single family housing in the area. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 3. Takoma/Langley Crossroads Urban Design Workshop Saturday! (Ward 6):** Review ideas and select options for future development around the University/New Hampshire Avenue and University/Riggs Road transit stations from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 14. The event will be held outdoors on Holton Lane near the Post Office. Drop by to grab a marker and draw new design ideas or modify the designers' ideas that were presented on June 12 at the first urban design workshop. An additional workshop will be held on Thursday, July 17 to review final urban design options. Learn more at www.mncppc.org/tlc or call 301-495-4565. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 4. Volunteer to Clean Up the Maryland Gateway (Ward 3):** Join the City and the Pinecrest and Circle Woods neighborhood associations on Saturday, June 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we work together to spruce up the gateway to Takoma Park and Maryland. This clean-up day is an initiative of the Neighborhood Commercial Area Small Scale Improvements project. For more information - and to sign up to volunteer - contact Catherine Rassman at (301) 891-7119 or by e-mail at Catheriner@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 5. Community Gardens and Greening Project - Accepting Applications (Wards 2, 3 and 6):** HCD staff is continuing to accept applications for the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor - Community Gardening and Greening Project. There are several properties that could be used for gardening along the Avenue. For more information, contact Paul Grenier at (301) 891 7220 or pgrenier@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 6. Neighborhood Commercial Area Improvements (Ward 5, 2, and 6):** In furtherance of the City's efforts to improve neighborhood commercial areas throughout the community, two trees were installed at the corner of Erie Avenue and Flower Avenue. The successful Function in the Junction concert series leveraged additional investment from the TPSS Coop, allowing for additional shows during June and July; the series

garnered a front page photo and an article in the June 11 Gazette. (*Housing and Community Development*)

7. "Your Rights as a Tenant" Class Held on June 10: Landlord-Tenant staff conducted a meeting on June 10 for Takoma Park residents that focused on Tenant Rights. Six tenants from various rental properties attended this meeting. There was a lively discussion regarding security deposit rights, tenant rights regarding entry into a rental unit, and the complaint process for housing code violations. Staff encouraged all attendees to consider forming a tenants' association in their buildings. You may call (301) 891-7222 if you need information on landlord-tenant issues or help in forming a tenant association. (*Housing and Community Development*)

8. CSAFE Activities:

- On June 6, CSAFE staff attended the Carroll Avenue Apartments Community Meeting. Ten community members were in attendance along with a community prosecutor from the Montgomery County State's Attorneys office. The prosecutor discussed the importance of reporting drug and gang activity.
- On June 7, CSAFE staff attended a Block Party in Carroll Avenue Apartments. The party was coordinated by the Montgomery County Recreation Department, YMCA Youth and Family Services and CSAFE. Over 150 community members came out to enjoy the celebration.
- On June 10, CSAFE staff met informally with residents from Lockney and Kennewick Avenues. Residents shared various concerns about their neighborhood. A second meeting is scheduled for July 1. This is a part of an on-going effort in collaboration with Housing and Community Development. (*Police*)

9. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 158 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, two vehicle impounds, and three arrests.

During the week of June 2-9, 2008, the following details were completed:

June 2, 2008

- Philadelphia Avenue and Boston Avenue (crossing double yellow line) - conducted a three-hour detail and issued two State citations and nine warnings.

June 5, 2008

- 7300 block of New Hampshire Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.

June 6, 2008

- Poplar Avenue and 4th Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a one-hour detail and issued three warnings.
- Sherman Avenue and Hancock Avenue (stop sign) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no State citations or warnings.

June 7, 2008

- Sherman Avenue and Hancock Avenue (stop sign) - conducted a one-hour detail and issued no State citations or warnings.

June 9, 2008

- Anne Street and Wildwood Drive (stop sign) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Kentland Avenue and East West Highway (traffic control) - conducted a one-hour detail and issued three State citations.
- 7300 block of New Hampshire Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.

June 8, 2008

- 7000 block of New Hampshire Avenue (speeding) - conducted a one-hour detail and issued three State citations and one warning.
- 1000 block of University Blvd. East (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.

June 9, 2008

- New Hampshire Avenue and Larch Avenue (speeding) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued four warnings. (*Police*)

10. **Summerquest:** Sign-up began on Thursday, June 12, for the Library's 10th annual SummerQuest summer reading program. Our official "kick-off" event for SummerQuest is at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16 when we'll talk about this year's story, which takes place in the Reality Works, where Ideas are made. The Takoma Park Library is the only one in Maryland to create its own summer reading program. The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Takoma Park, Maryland Library, is written and illustrated by Library Assistant/Artist Extraordinaire Dave Burbank. Mr. Burbank and Karen MacPherson, children's/teen librarian, made presentations about SummerQuest this week at Piney Branch Elementary and East Silver Spring Elementary schools, whose students are being encouraged to register for our program. (Takoma Park Elementary School students also are encouraged to participate in the SummerQuest program - Dave and Karen's presentation there was canceled due to the recent power outage). (*Library*)

11. **Wonderful Ones:** The Library still has a few spaces for its "Wonderful Ones" program for one-year-olds and their grown-ups. This is a new library program designed just for little ones, ages 12-24 months. Participants will meet from 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. in July and sing, do some rhymes, and read a few (brief!) books. To register online, go to www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html, or call 301-891-7259. (*Library*)

12. **Battle Grounds:** City TV staff will be sending video crews to the Function in the Junction event, "Battle of the Bands" on Saturday at the TPSS Co-op. On Sunday, City TV crews will be covering both stages of the Jazz Fest to be held in Old Town for the first time this year. (*City TV*)